

**AUSTRALIAN OPEN
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
19 JANUARY - 1 FEBRUARY 2009
AUS\$22,000,000
128 DRAW / # 09-580**

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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SURFACE: PLEXICUSHION **BALL:** WILSON AUSTRALIAN OPEN BALL
PRIZE MONEY: AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS **TAX:** VARIABLE

SIGN-IN: **SINGLES QUALIFYING SIGN-IN DEADLINE:** SIGN-IN FOR ALTERNATES CLOSSES 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRST SCHEDULED MATCH ON WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2009 AT TOURNAMENT CONTROL.
SINGLES QUALIFYING MATCHES: WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY – SATURDAY 17 JANUARY.

DOUBLES MAIN DRAW ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2009 AT 4:00PM. ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRIES ONLINE AT www.aoplayer.net OR A TOUR MANAGER ON-SITE.

MIXED DOUBLES MAIN DRAW SIGN-IN DEADLINE: SIGN-IN CLOSSES AT 4:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2009 AT TOURNAMENT CONTROL.

SCHEDULE:

THE SINGLES MAIN DRAW WILL BE CONDUCTED AND MADE PUBLIC ON FRIDAY 16 JANUARY AT MELBOURNE PARK. COMPETITORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. THE SCHEDULE IS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE, IF NECESSARY, DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS OR OTHER REASONS. FROM MONDAY 19 JANUARY, MATCHES WILL COMMENCE AT 11:00 AM ON ALL COURTS. MATCHES ON FRIDAY 30 JANUARY WILL COMMENCE AT 3:00 PM ON ALL COURTS. MATCHES ON SATURDAY 31 JANUARY WILL COMMENCE AT 1:00 PM ON RLA AND 12 NOON ON OUTSIDE COURTS. ON SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY MATCHES WILL COMMENCE AT 4:00 PM ON RLA. NIGHT MATCHES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED ON ROD LAVER ARENA EACH NIGHT FROM MONDAY 19 JANUARY TO SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY, AND WILL COMMENCE AT 7:30 PM. NIGHT MATCHES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED ON HISENSE ARENA ON FRIDAY 23 JANUARY AND SATURDAY 24 JANUARY FROM 7:30 PM. NIGHT MATCHES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED ON MARGARET COURT ARENA EACH NIGHT FROM MONDAY 19 JANUARY TO SATURDAY 24 JANUARY (INCLUSIVE). THE FIRST NIGHT MATCH WILL COMMENCE ON MARGARET COURT ARENA NOT BEFORE 7:30 PM (THIS MATCH MAY BE MOVED TO HISENSE ARENA AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, EITHER PRIOR TO MATCH STARTING OR DURING MATCH IF INTERRUPTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS). NO DAY SESSION MATCHES WILL BE SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AFTER 11:00 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY THE REFEREE.

NEW INITIATIVES:

ALL MEN'S DOUBLES PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER PRIOR TO 4:00 PM ON MONDAY 12 JANUARY. PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER ONLINE AT www.aoplayer.net OR VIA THE ATP TOUR MANAGERS ON-SITE.

ON SATURDAY 31 JANUARY THE WOMEN'S SINGLES FINAL WILL COMMENCE AT 7:30 PM. THE MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL WILL BE PLAYED AFTER THIS MATCH.

VODAFONE ARENA HAS NOW BEEN RENAMED HISENSE ARENA AND ALL TOURNAMENT COLLATERAL WILL REFER TO IT AS HISENSE ARENA.

TWO ADDITIONAL NIGHT SESSIONS HAVE BEEN ADDED AND WILL BE PLAYED ON FRIDAY 23 JANUARY AND SATURDAY 24 JANUARY AT HISENSE ARENA. THE SESSION WILL CONSIST OF TWO MATCHES; MATCHES WILL COMMENCE AT 7:30 PM.

A NEW OFF-SITE PRACTICE FACILITY FEATURING 8 OUTDOOR PLEXICUSHION COURTS IS AVAILABLE AT SCOTCH COLLEGE FROM MONDAY 12 JANUARY.

THE PLAYER RESTAURANT HAS BEEN EXPANDED AND IS NOW THREE TIMES ITS ORIGINAL SIZE AND INCLUDES A PASTA AND SALAD BAR, PLUS EXTENDED LOUNGE AREA.

THE CHILD CARE CENTRE WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM UNTIL 7:00 PM EACH DAY FROM WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY UNTIL SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY AT HISENSE ARENA. BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT www.aoplayer.net OR BY VISITING PLAYER SERVICES.

THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2009 PLAYER PARTY WILL BE HELD ON **SATURDAY 17 JANUARY** AT SPIEGELWORLD. ALL PLAYERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. ENTRY RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY.

PRACTICE COURTS:

22 OUTDOOR COURTS AND 2 INDOOR COURTS AVAILABLE AT MELBOURNE PARK STARTING TUESDAY 6 JANUARY.

9 OUTDOOR COURTS AVAILABLE OFF-SITE AT ALBERT RESERVE FROM MONDAY 12 JANUARY.

8 OUTDOOR COURTS AVAILABLE OFF-SITE AT MACCABI TENNIS CLUB FROM MONDAY 12 JANUARY.

6 OUTDOOR COURTS AVAILABLE OFF-SITE AT SCOTCH COLLEGE STARTING MONDAY 12 JANUARY.

TOURNAMENT TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR PLAYERS TO OFF-SITE PRACTICE FACILITIES.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

MAIN DRAW PLAYERS' PER DIEM AUD \$230 PER NIGHT. QUALIFYING PLAYERS' PER DIEM AUD \$115 PER NIGHT

HOTEL: **GRAND HYATT MELBOURNE** TEL: +61 3 9657 1234
123 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA FAX: +61 3 9650 3491

RATES: 8 JANUARY -1 FEBRUARY: AUD\$230 (PLAYER RATE ONLY – PLAYERS
WILL BE LIMITED TO 2 STANDARD ROOMS AT THIS RATE).

RATES: 8 JANUARY -1 FEBRUARY: AUD\$275 PLAYER AFFILIATED RATE
8 JANUARY - 1 FEBRUARY: AUD\$345

RESERVATIONS: ALL RATES INCLUDE GST
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ONLINE RESERVATIONS: www.aoplayer.net, HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS 8 DECEMBER, 2008.
ALTERNATE HOTELS, A RANGE OF APARTMENT STYLE ACCOMMODATION, AND LIMITED HOST
FAMILY ACCOMMODATION ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TRANSPORTATION FLY INTO MELBOURNE AIRPORT (MEL - TULLAMARINE). TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FROM FRIDAY
9 JANUARY TO MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY (6:30 AM UNTIL 2 HOURS AFTER END OF PLAY). **ALL
TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE. PLEASE BOOK YOUR
TRANSPORT VIA THE PLAYER WEBSITE AT www.aoplayer.net, BY EMAILING
aotransport@tennis.com.au, OR BY PHONING AUSTRALIAN OPEN TRANSPORT ON**

+613 9914 4641. LAST AIRPORT PICK UP EACH DAY WILL BE AT 11:00 PM. PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY
TO THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN TRANSPORT DESK, LOCATED IN THE ARRIVALS HALL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL. ALTERNATIVELY, TAXIS AND/OR BUSES ARE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS
(APPROX. FARE IS AUD\$60). SHUTTLE BUSES WILL OPERATE BETWEEN THE GRAND HYATT AND
MELBOURNE PARK (PLEASE SEE THE GRAND HYATT WELCOME DESK FOR TIMETABLE DETAILS).
VISA REFER TO ATTACHED VISA INFORMATION SHEET. PLAYERS CAN CONTACT LISA MEEHAN AT
INFORMATION: lmeehan@tennis.com.au OR FAX +61 3 96501040 TO REQUEST LETTER OF INVITATION. PLAYERS NEED
TO APPLY FOR VISAS 8 WEEKS OUT FROM THE DATE OF TRAVEL. PLAYER GUESTS SHOULD APPLY
FOR TOURIST VISAS WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE LETTERS OF INVITATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT.

ATP STAFF

PLAYER SERVICES THOMAS SCHRADER, ZOLTAN PAPP
SPORTS MEDICINE TRAINERS PAUL NESS, MICHAL NOVOTNY, HUGO GRAVIL

ATP POINTS & PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWN

	Winner	Finalist	Semi-F	Quarter-F	R/16	R/32	R/64	R/128	Q	Q3	Q2	Q1
Ranking Points	2000	1200	720	360	180	90	45	10	25	14	8	0
Singles AUS\$	1,620,000	810,000	365,000	182,500	88,000	51,000	31,000	19,400		11,440	5,710	2,860
Doubles AUS\$	450,000	225,000	112,000	55,400	31,245	17,035	9,585	-		-	-	-
Mixed AUS\$	134,460	67,230	33,615	15,490	7,745	3,755	-	-	-	-	-	-

2008 SINGLES QUALIFYING CUT OFF: 311

2009 ENTRY DEADLINE: 8 DECEMBER 2008

2009 ENTRY DEADLINE: 8 DECEMBER 2008 / QUALIFYING 22 DECEMBER 2008

2008 DOUBLES MAIN DRAW CUT-OFF: 143

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